



Right Judgment

A Key to Unity

Divide to Postpone Conquest

- We wield massive destruction against Satan's kingdom
- To stave off destruction he must keep us from growing and joining together
- He will try to divide us: I Cor 10:12, II Cor 2:11
- More than ever: Eph 4:1-3

Right Judgment is Key

- Tolerance has almost become a bad word
 - Because of abuse of tolerance
- On the other hand, selfish, arrogant judgment and criticism is how Satan will divide us
- Right Judgment is key: John 7:24
 - Note this comment is directed toward the hypercritical: John 7:23
- Confusing topic: John 3:17, 9:39, 12:47

Guide Judgment with
Love and Trust

I Cor 5: Abuse of Tolerance

- Why tolerance gets a bad rap: I Cor 5:1-13
 - v2 – tolerance run amok
 - Note this is a grave moral issue
 - v5 – note the purpose
 - Not against the person but in love for the person
 - v6 – for love of the flock
- The outcome: II Cor 2:4-8

Judgment Run Amok

- If our judgment is not rooted in mercy, we are headed for hell – James 2:13
- If our judgment is not in love, not away from self, it is evil – James 2:1-4
 - “I’d never do that!”
 - What about judging by perceived spiritual wealth
 - Rom 14

Passing Judgment on Opinions

- Rom 14:1-10, 12-13, 17-20a
- What's going on here?
- Self-exaltation and not love – we know better than God
- James 4:11-12
 - How is judging another judging the law?
 - We are judging that the law is not up to our standard
 - We are not trusting God to teach His people
 - If you were God for a day, what would you change?
 - If you were God, what would you change in your brethren?

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Trusting God to Teach His People

- Luke 6:37-44 – Strange juxtapositions
- Trust what God is doing with each of us in a way unique to each of us
 - Joe, John, Lust, and Vanity
- Be careful about judging hearts – you can't
 - Nicodemus – John 3:1-2 – what a coward
 - John 7:47-53 – what a wimp
 - John 19:38-39
 - Frances' story
- Trust what God is doing in each of us rather than judge

The Point

- Eph 4:1-3
- Guide Judgment with Love and Trust